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SUBJECT: DIUGUID ARTICLE ON HORMAN CASE

REF: FIMBRES/PURDY TELCON OF JULY 21

1. THE FOLLOWING IS EXTRACT OF MEMORANDUM FROM JUDD
KESSLER DATED JULY 19, WITH RESPECT TO AN ARTICLE ON THE
CHARLES HORMAN CASE WHICH APPEARED IN THE WASHINGTON POST
ON JULY 20, 1976.

QUOTE: I AM WRITING THIS MEMORANDUM PURSUANT TO THE FOLLOW-
ING STATEMENT CONTAINED IN A WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE OF
JUNE 20, 1976: "RECENT INTERVIEWS, HOWEVER, MAKE CLEAR
THAT NOT LATER THAN THE FIRST WEEK IN OCTOBER, A WELL-KNOWN,
RESPECTED CHILEAN INFORMED A RANKING EMBASSY OFFICIAL THAT
HORMAN WAS KILLED 'ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 20' - INFORMATION
FROM A CREDIBLE SOURCE THAT WOULD PROVE TO BE CORRECT.

THE EMBASSY OFFICIAL HAS ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT AND REPORTING
OF THE INFORMATION, WHICH INCLUDED THE ALLEGATION THAT THOSE
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TALKING THE DECISION HAD A DOSSIER ON HORMAN INCLUDING

INFORMATION ABOUT HIS ANTI-VIETNAM AND CIVIL RIGHTS
ACTIVITY IN THE UNITED STATES."

I RECEIVED A PHONE CALL JULY 6, FROM LOU DIUGUID. HE
REPORTED THAT HE HAD SPOKEN WITH ENRIQUE SANDOVAL
RECENTLY. SANDOVAL WAS AN EDUCATOR BY PROFESSION AND A
RADICAL PARTY AFFILIATE WHO BECAME JEFE DE GABINETE IN
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS
OF THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT. DIUGUID REPORTED THAT SANDOVAL
HAD SAID THAT HE TOLD ME SOMETIME IN LATE SEPTEMBER
OR EARLY OCTOBER THAT HE HAD A COUSIN IN THE CHILEAN
MILITARY WHO HAD TOLD HIM THAT HORMAN HAD BEEN KILLED
IN THE NATIONAL STADIUM. THOUGH MY MEMORY OF THAT CON-
VERSATION WAS NOT CRYSTAL CLEAR, I CONFIRMED THAT SANDOVAL
HAD TOLD ME SOMETHING ALONG THOSE LINES BUT TOLD DIUGUID
THAT I WANTED TO THINK ABOUT IT FURTHER TO SEE IF I COULD
REMEMBER THE DETAILS. I TOLD DIUGUID, HOWEVER, THAT AS
I REMEMBERED, SANDOVAL HAD NOT REVEALED THE SOURCE OF HIS
INFORMATION BUT ONLY THAT IT WAS SOMEONE HE KNEW IN THE
MILITARY WHO HAD BEEN AT THE STADIUM AND THAT I HAD PASSED
ON THIS INFORMATION TO FRED PURDY, OUR CONSUL.....
SEVERAL DAYS LATER (ABOUT 9/30/73) I SPOKE WITH SANDOVAL
AGAIN AT WHICH TIME HE TOLD ME THAT SOMEONE HE KNEW IN
THE CHILEAN MILITARY HAD SAID THAT HORMAN HAD BEEN IN THE
NATIONAL STADIUM AND EITHER "THAT HE HAD BEEN KILLED
THERE" OR "WAS DEAD". AT THIS POINT IN TIME THE EMBASSY
HAD REPEATEDLY REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM THE CHILEAN
GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE TWO MISSING
AMERICANS BUT HAD BEEN TOLD THAT THEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE
OF THEIR WHEREABOUTS. WHILE THERE WAS SOME SUSPICION
THAT THE GOC WAS WITHHOLDING INFORMATION ABOUT THESE
CASES TO AVOID NEGATIVE PUBLICITY, THE INFORMATION FROM
SANDOVAL AMOUNTED TO NOTHING MORE THAN A SECOND-HAND
STORY FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED SOURCE WHICH, TO MY WAY OF
THINKING, WAS NOT OF MUCH USE FOR PURPOSES OF CHALLENGING
THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT AND CERTAINLY NOT SUFFICIENTLY
RELIABLE TO BE PASSED ON TO THE HORMAN FAMILY. NEVER-
THELESS, I REPORTED THE INFORMATION TO THE EMBASSY
OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF THE CASE AND EMBASSY EFFORTS TO
OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION FROM THE GOC ON THESE CASES
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2. FOR CONSUL FRED PURDY: WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR
COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE ASAP. ROBINSON

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